

68th Festival of Sport - Long Course Swimming Time Trial

Rules & Regulations

Date	Day 1 12/4/2025 (Sat) Warm Up: 0800-0845 Start: 0900 Warm Up: 1430-1515 Start: 1530	Day 2 13/4/2025 (Sun) Warm Up: 0800-0845 Start: 0900 Warm Up: 1430-1515 Start: 1530
Organizer	Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC)	
Co-organizer	Hong Kong China Swimming Association	
Subvented By	Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Venue	HKSI Swimming Pool	
Entry Conditions	❖ All competitors must be 2025/26 registered swimmers (SW) of HKGSA. ❖ Championship Eligibility rule applies. ❖ Swimmers should reach the qualifying standard. ❖ For all new entries for any event entered with no proven result, Qualify time for individual event shall be used as entry time.	
Entries/Scratch	❖ Each swimmer is limited to no more than 6 individual events. ❖ HK\$15.00 per event. ❖ *HK\$ 15 + HK\$40 = HK\$ 55 For each Qualify time ("QT") entry ❖ Entries must be submitted with HKGSA master entry forms & fees. Incorrect information or not qualified swimmers will be rejected and fees paid will not be refunded. ❖ Late entries will not be accepted. ❖ Swimmers who enroll in 800m and 1500m freestyle must be age 13 or above. ❖ Scratch for heats must be submitted one working day before the first event day at 1200 noon. ❖ Scratch for finals must be submitted within 30 minutes following the announcement of the prelim result. ❖ Scratch for reserve swimmers in the final list (9th & 10th place) of respective final events is required.	
Closing Date for Registration	28 February 2025 (Fri) (1700 Hours)	
Closing Date for Entries	21 March 2025 (Fri) (1700 hours)	
Event list and Qualifying Standards	Please refer to event list. (with qualifying standards)	
Format	Heat (morning session) and Final (afternoon session).	
Rules	❖ In case of any swimmer entering number of events in excess of the entry quota, HKGSA will have the sole discretion to scratch or cancel the swimmer's last entry event at any point of time. ❖ Events with 8 or less swimmers will proceed to the afternoon session. ❖ Reserve swimmers in the final list (9th & 10th place in the morning session) shall report to the marshalling area. ❖ Swimmer not meeting the respective qualifying times will not be allowed to swim in the final. ❖ Time Final format will be applied to 800M/1500M events, slow heats will be in the morning while the fastest heat will take place in the afternoon session. ❖ Application for Split Time Record: swimmers who apply for split time record should submit application form with application fee of HK\$300 to the Referee 30 minutes before the start of each session. ❖ A fine of \$120 will be charged for each "not qualified". ❖ A fine of \$120 will be charged for each "no show" of Preliminary.	

	❖ A fine of \$1000 will be charged for each “no show” of Final. ❖ World Aquatics & HKGSA Rules will apply.
Awards	❖ Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Medals will not be awarded to swimmers failed to achieve the respective qualifying times. ❖ <u>Challenge Cup for Outstanding Male / Female Swimmer</u>: presented to male / female who achieve the highest HK LC point score 2025 (calculated to 2 decimal places) in individual event. (In case of a tie, winner will be determined by the swimmers’ second highest scored event obtained.) ❖ Special awards will be presented to swimmers who break Hong Kong Records and doping test will be requested.
Protest	❖ Any protest shall be made in writing to the Referee within 30 minutes following the result announcement of the respective event with an appeal fee of HK\$300. ❖ If the protest is rejected, fee paid will be forfeited.
Anti -Doping Test	❖ Random Doping tests will be conducted by HKGSA at this event. Any participating athletes could be selected for doping tests and be requested to provide urine sample under witness. Sanctions for Anti-Doping Rules violation, such as refusal to providing sample or returning of positive test results, may include: 1. Disqualification of results achieved at the event 2. Ineligibility in sport During the period of ineligibility, the individual is not allowed to participate in any capacity (including but not limited to competing athlete, coach, team official, judge etc.) in competitions or other sporting activities. 3. Financial sanction of HK\$20,000 4. Public disclosure of athlete’s identity and details of the violation 5. Any other applicable sanctions. ❖ Athletes should read and understand the anti-doping regulations and information available on the official webpage of Anti-Doping Organization of Hong Kong, China Limited (www.antidoping.hk). According to the Strict Liability Principle, athlete is responsible for what could be found in his/her body. Ignorance could not be used as an excuse for a positive test.
68th Festival of Sport - Long Course Swimming Time Trial is one of the Local Qualifying meets of World Aquatics Championships - Singapore 2025 – Swimming Events sanctioned by World Aquatics.	